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COLOMBIA.

Prevalence of smallpox in Panama.

PANAMA, COLOMBIA, September 28, 1901.

SIR: I beg to say that for several months past there have been cases of smallpox in this city.

This fact has been promptly reported to the U.S. Marine-Hospital Service in Washington and noted on each bill of health given at this port

The gunboat Ranger and the battleship Iowa were advised of this

immediately on their arrival at Panama.

The spread has been so great that I feel it my further duty to notify

the department of the facts as they at present exist.

The doctors report to me that there are in the city something like from 100 to 150 cases, and that these are in private houses in various parts of the city, and no sign is placed there to indicate its presence. There are no efforts being made to control the spread of the disease.

I do not cable, because notice has heretofore been given as above

stated.

Respectfully,

H. A. GUDGER. United States Consul General.

Hon. Assistant Secretary of State.

Report from Bocas del Toro-Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, October 9, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and trans-

actions at this port during the week ended October 8, 1901:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 2. Prevailing diseases, malarial. Ot the deaths reported above, 1 was from chronic malaria; the other reported as due to paralysis. General sanitary condition of this portend the common diseases and and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: October 2, steam.

ship Foxhall; crew, 26; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 6, steamship Banes; crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully

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PAUL OSTERHOUT, Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The Surgeon-General, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port—Yellow fever.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, October 12, 1901.

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 12, 1901:

Present estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from